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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/841,000

Confirmation No.: 4713

Filing Date: April 24, 2001

Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.

Title: IN SITU THERMAL
PROCESSING OF A
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CONTAINING FORMATION
TO INCREASE A
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§ Art Unit: 3672
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number
09/841,000, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A
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Application Elements

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1. ☒ Filing FeeA Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee
required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.2. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

3. Amendments

☒ An amendment is enclosed.☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under
37 C.F.R. § 1.116.☐ Please consider the arguments in the response filed on ____ under 37 C.F.R. §
1.116.☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on ____.

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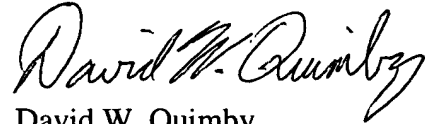
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5. ☒ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time
6. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If an additional extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, the appropriate extension of time is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-02400/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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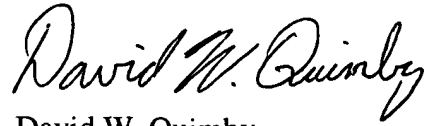
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Meyertons, Hood,
Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-02400/EBM:

1. Request for Continued Examination fee	\$750.00
2. Extension for response within third month	\$930.00

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1,680.00

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees that may
be necessary to the same account number.

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